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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMMUNITION SALES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA TO APPROVE THE SALE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA (GOA) OF ONE MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMUNITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA (GOM) AND TEN MILLION ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMUNITION TO THE ROYAL THAI GOVERNMENT (RTG). THE 5.56MM (BALL) AMMUNITION PROPOSED FOR SALE WAS PRODUCED UNDER TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGES ACQUIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, USG APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR TRANSFER OF U.S.

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ORIGIN EQUIPMENT/MUNITIONS TO A THIRD COUNTRY.

2. FOR CANBERRA: YOU MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS THAT USG IS PREPARED TO APPROVE BOTH SALES PENDING OUR RECEIPT OF STANDARD TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN WRITING FROM THE GOM AND THE RTG. IN ADDITION, UNDER SECTION 3(A) OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, WE HAVE NOTIFIED CONGRESS IN ADVANCE OF OUR APPROVING THE AMMUNITION TRANSFER. WHILE WE ANTICIPATE NO DIFFICULTIES WITH ABOVE TWO REQUIREMENTS, YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO AUSTRALIANS THAT USG FINAL APPROVAL CAN NOT BE PROVIDED

UNTIL BOTH OF THESE STEPS ARE COMPLETED.

3. FOR KUALA LUMPUR AND BANGKOK: EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER ASSURANCES IN WRITING AS FOLLOWS: "THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOM (RTG) PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EEMBASSY THEPROPOSED PURCHASEBY THE GOM (RTG) OF ONE MILLION (TEN MILLION) ROUNDS OF 5.56MM AMMUNITION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA. THE GOM (RTG) UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANS- ACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE GOVERN- MENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOM (RTG) THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOM (RTG) HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE AMMUNITION WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT, INTERNATIONAL OR- GANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE)." PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT WHEN ABOVE ASSURANCES ARE RE- LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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